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FAIR/REMUNERATIVE PRICES FOR CROPS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to provide fair and remunerative prices for the crops to the farmers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the final decision likely to be taken in this regard; and

(d) the number of farmers provided with credit cards till date and the number of farmers likely to be provided with the credit cards during current year?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) to (c): One of the main objectives of the Government`s price policy for agricultural produce is aimed at ensuring remunerative prices to the growers for their produce with a view to encourage higher investment and production. Towards this end, the Government announces each season the minimum support prices (MSPs) for major agricultural commodities and organizes purchase operations through public and cooperative agencies such as Food Corporation of India (FCI); Cotton Corporation of India (CCI); Jute Corporation of India (JCI); National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Limited (NAFED) and Tobacco Board, besides other agencies designated by the State Governments. A statement showing the MSPs of major agricultural commodities fixed in recent years is enclosed.

(d): The total number of Kisan Credit Cards (KCCs) issued since the inception of the scheme in August, 1998 till 31.12.2001 is 2.07 crores as reported by Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and National Bank for Agriculture & Rural Development (NABARD). The figure of 2.07 crores includes the issuance of 55 lakh of KCCs issued by Commercial Banks whose data is available only till 30.09.2001. A target of issuing one crore KCCs to farmers has been set for the current financial year i.e., 2001-02.

ANNEXURE

MINIMUM SUPPORT PRICES (According to Crop Year)

(Rs. per quintal)

S.No.	Commodity	Variety	1997-98	1998-99	99-2000	2000-01	2001-02	(#) increase in 2001-02 over 2000-01
1.	Paddy	Common	415	440	490	510	530	20(3.9)
		Grade `A`	445	470	520	540	560	20(3.7)
2.	Coarse Cereals (Jowar, Bajra, Ragi & Maize)		360	390	415	445	485	40(9.0)
3.	Wheat		510x	550	580	610		
4.	Barley		350	385	430	500		
5.	Gram		815	895	1015	1100		
6.	Arhar		900	960	1105	1200	1320	120(10.0)
7	Moong		900	960	1105	1200	1320	120(10.0)

8. Urad 900 960 1105 1200 1320 120(10.0)

9. Masur(lentil) - - - 1200
10. Sugarcane@ 48.45 52.70 56.10 59.50 62.05 2.55(4.3)
11. Cotton F-414/H-777/ J34 1330 1440 1575 1625 1675 50(3.1)
H-4 1530 1650 1775 1825 1875 50(2.7)
12. Groundnut-in-shell 980 1040 1155 1220 1340 120(9.8)
13. Jute 570 650 750 785 810 25(3.2)
14. Rapeseed/Mustard 940 1000 1100 1200
15. Sunflower Seed 1000 1060 1155 1170 1185 15(1.3)
16. Soybean Black 670 705 755 775 795 20(2.6)
Yellow 750 795 845 865 885 20(2.3)
17. Safflower 910 990 1100 1200
18. Toria 905 965 1065 1165
19. Tobacco(VFC)
(Rs. per kg.) Black Soil 20.50 22.50 25.00 26.00 27.00 1(3.8)
(F2 Gr)

Light Soil 23.50 25.50 27.00 28.00 29.00 1(3.6)
(L2 Gr)

20. Copra (Calender Year) Milling 2700 2900 3100 3250 3300 50(1.5)
Ball 2925 3125 3325 3500 3550 50(1.4)
21. Sesamum 950 1060 1205 1300 1400 100(7.7)
22. Nigerseed 800 850 915 1025 1100 75(7.3)

@ Statutory Minimum Price linked to a basic recovery of 8.5 per cent with proportionate premium for every 0.1 per cent increase in recovery above that level.

x Including a Central Bonus of Rs.55.00 per quintal payable from 01.04.98 to 30.06.98.

The MSP for masur (lentil) has been fixed from the crop year 2000-01.

Figures in brackets indicate percentage increase.